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Re: Emery Deep Mine Permit C/015/015

Extension request to Task ID 2821, item # 2, regarding full extraction pillar splitting plan, planned subsidence 15th W, 4th E, 6th W, Zero N panels, updated Chapter VI Hydrology, updated surface property control, and updated roof & floor analysis.)

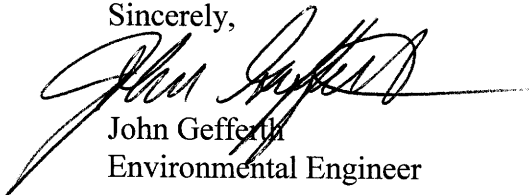
Dear Mr. Haddock:

Per your November 30, 2007 approval memo Task 2821, and conference call with your staff earlier today please consider this a request for a time extension to the April 1, 2008 deadline in item 2. On March 21, 2008 Consol submitted the responses to the final deficiencies to the above mentioned revision. The intent of the deadline in item 2 was to commit Consol to submitting all requisite data (over the remaining area to be mined) to allow for full extraction (planned subsidence) for the next 5 years and to insure that no emergency requests would be needed in the near term. This deadline was set, assuming that the PHC would be finalized by now. During the past 8 months, several deficiency responses were submitted related to full extraction. Most of the Divisions concerns related to planned subsidence were addressed in these responses. Today's conference call reviewed the remaining issues to be addressed. Several of the remaining items (Archeo update, Vegetation map update, T & E update, over future mining areas) are season dependant, and Consol will initiate these within the next few weeks.

Consol requests that the deadline to submit be extended until June 13, 2008. This will allow time to complete field work during the spring season.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (618) 625-6850.

Sincerely,


John Gefferth
Environmental Engineer

CC: Mary Ann Wright – DOGM-SLC

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